

'Fortunately, the transaction did turn out successfully'



Smoking report contained nothing new, and brought forth varied reactions

The federal government's report on cigarette smoking appeared on Saturday, under conditions of security reminiscent of other reports expected to have an influence, adverse or otherwise, on the stock market. The smoking report had no such immediate effects, primarily because the stocks of tobacco companies had been depressed for a number of months in anticipation of the report.

The report contained nothing new, nor was it expected to. Its writers had confined their activities to reviewing existing literature and studies of the effects of cigarette smoking. The tenor of the report was not unexpected in any way. Perhaps because of this, it caused relatively little stir.

A few persons immediately went on the wagon, so far as cigarettes are concerned. One Central Oregonian, heretofore a two-pack a day man, switched to a pipe Sunday morning. He smoked the pipe as much as he had smoked cigarettes on Saturday. As any experienced pipe smoker could have told him, his sudden spate of puffing gave him a sore tongue, so sore he changed back to cigarettes on Monday.

A Bend woman, who gets cancer once or twice each year anyway, stopped smoking cigarettes on Monday. She went on a diet the same day; she goes on diets with some regularity, too. The combination of the two moves Monday has created some problems for her family, but its members are bearing up well under the strain.

Editorial comment has varied around the country. Perhaps the spread of such comment can best be illustrated by the following two pieces. The first appeared in the "Fancher the Rancher News," a publication edited by a 10-year-old young man of our acquaintance, who also serves as the paper's reporter, compositor, and circulation manager. He said:

"I think smoking should be abolished. I don't care if those men lose their jobs. It's lots better if those men lose their jobs than people losing their lives and I think it should of been abolished a long time ago. Selling something that makes you sick. At least sometimes it does. Lets have it abolished."

A vastly differing opinion was

Sensible plea

A Sisters resident, in a letter on this page, makes a plea for common sense and good will in her community. It appears some residents of the area threaten to be somewhat vindictive as a result of a school election there a few days ago.

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offered by a columnist in the Seattle Argus. He put it this way:

On New Year's Day, 1963, I swore off smoking cigarettes, and adhered to that foolish resolution until midnight December 31. I missed them each and every hour of each and every day, and it was wonderful to return to the pleasant solace of the weed.

I return to the habit with a clear conscience and with the knowledge that despite vicious propaganda to the contrary, cigarettes are not harmful but are conducive to a long and happy life. The past year I have researched the subject carefully, and can prove without a shadow of a doubt that this is true.

Today, individually and collectively we all have a longer life expectancy. An analysis of this phenomenon shows that this increase in the life span can be directly traced to the widespread use of cigarettes which started right after World War I.

Before that time, only a few hardy souls used the "coffin nails" and most that did rolled their own from Bull Durham. But as the doughboys returned from Gay Paree they brought the cigarette habit with them. The results speak for themselves.

Life expectancy for all Americans when compared to the per capita use of cigarettes shows with startling clarity the effect of their use:

Life expectancy at birth	Per Capita consumption of cigarettes of all Americans over 15 yrs.
1920 51.1 years	611
1930 57.4	1365
1940 62.9	1828
1950 68.3	3322
1960 70.6	3888

After studying these revealing figures, which show a direct relation between longevity and use of cigarettes, I took my findings to several groups of researchers, including doctors, scientists and psychiatrists; 92.6 per cent agreed that cigarettes perform a necessary function in modern living by:

- Calming the nerves.
 - Keeping the hands busy during business conferences.
 - Reducing the consumption of alcohol, as you reach for a Lucky instead of taking another drink.
- But the clincher as far as I was concerned was the statement by a medical research man (who smokes three packs a day) who said that the charge that cigarettes caused cancer or heart trouble only came from today's better diagnostic methods and record keeping.

In the olden days people just died. In any event, any damage that might be done, he argued, was balanced off 100 times over by the overall increase in the general health induced by the soothing ministrations of tobacco.

He also noted that now most researchers are convinced that cancer is caused by a virus, which eliminates the danger of smoking once and for all.

So it is pleasant to start out the New Year, secure in the knowledge that smoking cigarettes will guarantee a longer, happier, more fruitful life.

There may be a few drawbacks, such as waking with a taste in the mouth not unlike decomposed cotton, a hacking cough, and loss of appetite.

But these can be viewed in the same light as other medicines, and bravely borne, as I see my non-smoking friends quietly fading away.

Those who led the campaign for a vote against consolidation could well spend their time helping provide leadership for their schools, particularly if the threatened financial crisis arises. It would be far better to do this than to waste time in recommendations against a group of citizens who have spent considerable time and effort trying to do what they thought best for their community and its residents.

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My Nickel's Worth

The Bulletin welcomes contributions to this column from its readers. Letters must contain the correct name and address of the sender, which may be withheld at the newspaper's discretion. Letters may be edited to conform to the directives of taste and style.

Plea for amity in Sisters voiced

To the Editor:

If it is possible to be a "middle of the road" then, though not proud to admit it, I have been one on the Sisters-Bend school consolidation problem.

My husband is a teacher in Sisters; we are property owners in Sisters; my children are just beginning school in Sisters; so therefore since the problem from several points of view. We are just beginning to feel a part of this little town. Not wanting anything to change our future possibilities here, yet our very livelihood and future hangs in the balance. Despite this, it has been difficult to decide which is the right answer.

In a small town such as this you know exactly who is "for" and who is "against" and yet knowing those from both sides, knowing them as our friends, our employers, our minister, our neighbor, our fellow teachers, our postmaster, our groceryman, our deacon, and so on, only makes it more difficult. Each has been so wonderful to us in the five years we've lived here. Knowing each was sincere in their beliefs and not any one of them wishing to lose the school, only seeing different solutions to the problem.

We could see why the board and superintendent were concerned with the future financial state of the school, needing to find a solution, looking for the best way. What came up as the best way to them to keep the school did not meet with the town majority's approval. The majority let itself be heard and won as it should in our democratic society. The issue was strictly political, as it should be. But, my purpose for writing this letter, is to question both sides as to: Why it had to become personal?

Friends have been lost over it, little personal vendettas are all around. Many harsh words have been spoken that truly had little or no bearing on the subject. Are we going to let it keep on and on? Spoiling the whole atmosphere of the town?

You can't fool me! They are all good, hard working people, if nothing but their kindnesses to me and my family proves it. (And of course there is much more.) Let us not become a little town of little people.

The fact that the problem came about has brought some good. Now we realize that our school does face a problem and we must stay better informed and ready to work for it.

A rumor has been heard that now the board and superintendent may be asked to resign. This seems so foolish to me. They will wholeheartedly support the outcome of the vote, going ahead for the best for the school and town. As I read "We are proud of our school and what it's become in the last few years," and yet we are ready to recall the people who have helped make it what it is. This seems a little odd.

Okay, perhaps they made a mistake (which really we won't know for some years to come). They have done a wonderful job in dozens of areas that the average person seldom if ever realizes.

It's easy to criticize, to correct, to second guess. But can we truly say we could do it better?

Let's take the more difficult step of sticking behind our chosen leaders, giving support and advice when necessary. Making amends for our own mistakes. And remembering that it is all for our children's sake.

Our example of our ability to function as loving, Christian, adult human beings counts far more than any question of where they go to school, how they go to school, or even for what they may learn there.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Roy M. Runco
Sisters, Oregon,
Jan. 15, 1964

Man, 82, rides bike, gives smoking advice

To the Editor:

I am approaching my eighty-second birthday. It was fifty years ago I promised the Lord, with His help, that I would abstain from tobacco and liquor henceforth all the days of my life and live pleasing to Him.

I am in good health, have no sign of heart trouble nor lung cancer. I am still strong enough to ride my bicycle.

Young folks if you desire long life leave that stuff alone.

J. V. Morgan,
Retired Bookkeeper
Bend, Oregon,
Jan. 15, 1964

TOY BOMB SCARE

ROME (UPI)—When a package that had just arrived on a flight from New York began to tick, Fiumicino Airport officials called police, firemen and army bomb disposal experts.

They opened the package gingerly and found a battery-operated toy that somehow started itself.

Well calculated game played

If Gov. Hatfield gets hit with political lightning this year it won't be accident

By Zan Stark
UPI Staff Writer

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon has been described as a man frantically rushing from storm to storm hoping that lightning will strike in the shape of the Republican vice presidential nomination.

But it is beginning to appear that Hatfield forces are stirring up the storms, and if the lightning strikes it won't be an accident.

Oregon's 41-year-old governor is publicly playing the role of a neutral.

There is little doubt, however, that a well-calculated political game is being played behind the scenes.

Some pundits scoff that Hatfield is not well known in the East.

Scranton - Hatfield Eyed

But both NBC-TV's Chet Huntley, and ABC-TV's Ron Cochran told a New York meeting of the International Radio and Television Executives Society recently they believed Hatfield would be the GOP vice presidential nominee. They predicted Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton would head the ticket.

Hatfield's only comment was "My primary interest is serving the people of Oregon."

Oregon observers did not overlook the fact that predictions were voiced less than 72 hours after Hatfield made a quickie trip to New York which, he told newsmen, "was not at state expense."

At the same time in Washington, D.C., Hatfield's press

secretary, Travis Cross, was spearheading a drive to have Hatfield named permanent chairman of the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

State Chairman Phil Roth, and national committee members Lowell Paget of Portland and Mrs. Collis P. Moore of Moro were among those button-holing GOP leaders to promote Hatfield.

Governor Neutral

Hatfield has capitalized on Oregon election laws as an excuse to remain neutral in the present Republican power struggle. Hatfield hopes to head Oregon's national convention delegation. In Oregon, delegates are elected at the primary election, and are required to back the winner of the state's primary.

Hatfield, meanwhile, is urging all Republican presidential hopefuls to campaign for the May 15 primary.

If Richard Nixon, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, and Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater were to kill each other off in primary battles, Hatfield's chances of winning a nomination would be tremendously enhanced.

Hatfield isn't waiting for someone else to do all his campaigning. He has announced a nine-day swing starting Jan. 30 that will take him to California, Michigan, Ohio, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

An April junket is in the works which might include Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and New York.

Hatfield knows that even if lightning does not strike at the convention, the buildup could help him win a U.S. Senate seat when his term as governor expires in 1966.

Robert Kennedy back in role of trouble shooter

By Phil Newsom
UPI Staff Writer

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is back in the foreign policy trouble shooting role he formerly played for his brother, the late President John F. Kennedy.

This time he has been asked to deal with the troublesome President Sukarno of Indonesia whose threats to "crush" the new Malaysian Federation have been of increasing concern to the United States.

The new state was formed on Sept. 16 when the self-governing state of Singapore and the former British crown colonies of Sabah (British North Borneo) and Sarawak joined Malaysia to form the independent Malaysian Federation within the British Commonwealth.

Sukarno has attacked it as British neo-colonialism and an attempt by the British to continue their economic domination of the area.

Against it he has declared a policy of "confrontation" with tactics similar to those by which, with not much more excuse than proximity, he was able last year to wrest West New Guinea from the Dutch.

From the Indonesian-held portion of Borneo, Indonesian-trained guerrillas have stabbed into Sarawak, Java-based pirates have attacked Malaysian shipping and Indonesian planes have violated Malaysian air space.

In the course of events, Sukarno has taken over British firms in Indonesia valued at around \$500 million and Jakarta mobs sacked and burned the British embassy.

Economically, he declared a trade embargo against Malaysia despite the fact that Malaysia annually took 27 per cent of Indonesia's products, a move scarcely designed to help Indonesia's already shaky economy.

Against this background, President Johnson dispatched his attorney general to confer with the vacationing Sukarno in Tokyo.

United States concern arises not only from its already deep involvement in nearby South Vietnam but also from the fact that it is committed to oppose aggression anywhere in Southeast Asia.

The U. S. already has taken a number of steps to discourage Sukarno.

U. S. military aid to Sukarno has been reduced almost to zero, including shipment of spare parts for the Hercules airplanes Indonesia uses to ferry guerrillas to the jungles of North Borneo.

Previous plans for the United States to participate in a \$300 million development program for Indonesia have been dropped.

In his brief case Robert Kennedy also has a potent weapon. It is a clause in the new foreign bill which would prohibit further aid to Indonesia unless President Johnson deems it necessary to United States interests. U. S. aid last year amounted to close to \$30 million.

Washington Merry-go-round

Who let U.S. teenagers get away with flag incident causing riots in Panama?

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — What Secretary of the Army Cyrus Vance has been investigating in regard to the Panama incident was how and why American teenagers were permitted by school authorities and their parents — most of whom work for the United States — to start an incident which jeopardized the nation's most vital waterway and seriously hurt our prestige all over the world.

The fact is that the American flag was hoisted by these American teenagers on Tuesday, January 7. At first it was hauled down by the Canal Zone police, inasmuch as it was contrary to the agreement officially entered into by the United States and Panama that the two flags were to fly side by side.

But the teenagers promptly hauled it up again, and there it flew until Friday, meanwhile taunting the Panamanians. It was on January 10, after three days, that the Panamanians started to take things into their own hands.

What the Secretary of the Army wants to know is why U.S. authorities let this happen. Why did the school principal permit his students to get away with this, and why didn't the govern-

nor of the Canal Zone step in? After all, both knew how sensitive Panamanians were on this question of flying the American and Panamanian flags together.

As a result of this negligence, more than twenty lives have been lost, more than a hundred people injured, and American prestige has been so damaged that this incident may upset all of our relations with Latin America patiently built up over the years.

In brief, the teenagers who were permitted to put across their high school prank turned out to be the No. 1 ally of Fidel Castro, and officials in Washington want to know what higher-up was lax in letting them get away with it.

LBJ and Old Smoker

The responsibility for deciding what the government should do about cigarettes falls heavily upon the shoulders of President Johnson, who gave up smoking after his heart attack but complained to his doctor at the time that he would rather give up his seniority than his cigarettes.

The President is now waiting for recommendations from all the government departments affected by the cigarette report.

Barbs

You hate more than ever to see friends squander money when they won't let you help them.

A girl can be fond of nice clothes and yet not be all wrapped up in them.



Have you really ever seen a youngster with a smile on his face while waiting his turn in a dentist's office?

A writer says the average taxi driver is a good-natured person. From watching the meter on trips, maybe.

Arab leaders show unanimity against Israel

CAIRO (UPI) — Arab kings and presidents, acting with rare cooperation, put final touches today on joint military and economic plans designed to constrain their enemy Israel.

The plans for a joint military command and Arab use of the River Jordan were incorporated in resolutions expected to be approved this evening at a meeting ending a four-day Arab summit conference.

Sources close to the conference said the Arab military command will be headed by an Egyptian officer. They said the United Arab Republic proposed an Iraqi for the job, but the other Arab states insisted that an Egyptian take it because the U.A.R. has the strongest armed forces in the Arab world.

Diplomatic observers here felt that the measures taken by the conference were mild, particularly in regard to the potentially explosive dispute over Israel's plan to divert the Jordan's waters for irrigation purposes.

A third measure would create a "Palestine entity" — possibly patterned after Algeria's pre-independence revolutionary government — with the purpose of restoring the rights of more than a million Palestinian refugees displaced 15 years ago from areas now included in Israel.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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